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In re the Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This application is a divisional application based on Serial No. 09/459,545 filed December 13, 1999. Please cancel Claims 1- 9 without prejudice. Claims 10 - 16 remain pending in the case prior to entry of this amendment..

Please add the following new claims:

17. The mechanism of claim 10, further comprising:

said anchor having a plate portion with said inner and outer surface, top, bottom and said side walls being first and second side walls formed to define said "L" shaped aperture, said aperture having an upper leg and said lower leg;

said aperture adapted to receive an anchor pin affixed to a tensile member end;

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